

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 26, 2012

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2504

Introduced by Assembly Member Beth Gaines

February 24, 2012

An act *to add Section 8491.5 to, and to repeal Section 8490 of, the Fish and Game Code, relating to commercial fishing.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2504, as amended, Beth Gaines. Commercial fishing: crayfish.

Existing law governing the commercial fishing of crayfish prohibits the sale or purchase of crayfish taken from Lake Tahoe or the Lake Tahoe Basin.

This bill would repeal that provision.

Existing law requires the taking of crayfish to be subject to such regulations as the Fish and Game Commission may prescribe.

This bill would state legislative intent regarding the commercial taking of crayfish in Lake Tahoe or the Lake Tahoe Basin.

This bill would require the commission to ensure that, with respect to the taking of crayfish for commercial purposes in Lake Tahoe or in the Lake Tahoe Basin, the commission's regulations are consistent with the Lake Tahoe Region Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan, as amended.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 8490 of the Fish and Game Code is
2 repealed.

3 SEC. 2. Section 8491.5 is added to the Fish and Game Code,
4 to read:

5 8491.5. (a) *It is the intent of the Legislature that any allowance*
6 *for the commercial taking of crayfish in Lake Tahoe or in the Lake*
7 *Tahoe Basin be for the primary purpose of population reduction*
8 *and control of the signal crayfish, an invasive species, and that*
9 *the commercial taking of crayfish be allowed only to the extent*
10 *that it is consistent with state goals for management of invasive*
11 *species and environmental standards.*

12 (b) *The commission shall ensure that, with respect to the taking*
13 *of crayfish for commercial purposes in Lake Tahoe or in the Lake*
14 *Tahoe Basin, the commission's regulations are consistent with the*
15 *Lake Tahoe Region Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan,*
16 *as amended.*

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